

# Michael Kellett, Natural Resources Staff Officer



## Caring for the Land and Serving People:

Michael oversees the forest’s timber, range, wildlife and fish, forest health, planning, and heritage programs as well as the Geographic Information System (GIS) and National Environmental Planning Act (NEPA) specialists. These programs collectively aim to protect forest, shrub, and grassland habitats, and improve conditions along the forest’s waterways while providing for multiple uses of forest lands.

## Background, Education & Experience:

Michael’s father had a Navy career, so he grew up all over the U.S. After serving five years in the U.S. Navy, and earning a B.S. in Marine Biology at Western Washington University, Michael worked 9 years for the Coos Bay District of the BLM, then 13 years for the Forest Service on the Boise National Forest and at the Pacific Southwest Regional Office.



## Home and Family:

Michael and his wife, Lisa, have three grown daughters. They live in Prescott Valley with 2 horses and their young hunting dog, a Wirehair Pointing Griffon named Ellie.



## Recreational Pursuits:

For fun Michael enjoys fly fishing, tying flies, upland bird hunting, and horseback riding. He and his wife belong to the Backcountry Horsemen’s Association.

## Favorite part of the forest?

Being new to the area, Michael’s favorite part of the forest is... exploring it! He especially looks forward to riding his horses on the Prescott’s vast network of scenic trails and discovering his favorite parts of the forest over time.

## On working for the Forest Service:

“I chose a career in Natural Resource Management because I love to both work and recreate outdoors. I feel privileged to be working with the high-functioning team of dedicated professionals I’ve found here on the Prescott National Forest. I look forward to being part of this team as we work to restore forest health and balance the various uses of forest lands to benefit current and future generations.”

